

HOUSE RESOLUTION 315

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Peyton Harper upon his election as the 2008-2009 State President of the Tennessee Future Farmers of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those young people of this State who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to personal excellence, have distinguished themselves among their peers; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Harper is one such exceptional young man who was elected to serve as the 2008-2009 Tennessee Future Farmers of America (FFA) State President at the eightieth annual Tennessee FFA state convention on April 2, 2008, in Gatlinburg; and

WHEREAS, as a state officer, Mr. Harper will travel countless miles across Tennessee and other states representing the Tennessee FFA association; he will represent the Tennessee FFA at the State President's conference this summer in Washington, D.C., whereupon he will have the honor of hearing President Bush make a special address to all of the state FFA presidents, and will meet with Governor Bredesen and many other dignitaries during his year of service; and

WHEREAS, it is a tremendous honor to be a state officer; there are 13,000 FFA members in Tennessee and only eight young people are elected each year to serve as part of the state officer team; and

WHEREAS, in his attainment of this prestigious honor, Peyton Harper has demonstrated an outstanding personal achievement, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest youth in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, involving himself in the production of registered Boar goats for his supervised agricultural experience, Mr. Harper is a four-year member of the Wilson Central FFA chapter and was the first member to be elected to a state office; he served with diligence and

dignity as the Junior Vice-President, Vice-President, and President of the Wilson Central chapter; and

WHEREAS, further, Peyton Harper has worked on behalf of the FFA as a regional officer, rendering astute service as Vice-President of the Middle Region during 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his FFA duties and responsibilities, Mr. Harper still finds time to devote to his academics and is a member of the 2008 graduating class at Wilson Central High School, earning an exceptional 3.98 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harper's election as Tennessee FFA State President highlights his ability and ambition and surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Harper epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Harper's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, John and Tara Harper and Sonya Fields, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Harper's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Peyton Harper upon being elected as the 2008-2009 Tennessee Future Farmers of America State President and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.